

that he died from disease of the kidneys, produced by the immersion in the water and the sleeping in his wet clothes; and in this opinion the witness was corroborated by another medical man who attended the *post-mortem* examination. The jury found the prisoner guilty; and they were sentenced to six months' hard labour; the learned judge saying he took into his consideration the circumstance of the mental condition of the female prisoner, and the fact that when Stammers found there was really danger he took the old man out of the water. —*Times*.

The wagons which conveyed many of the congregation are turned to good purpose as stands for their respective passengers. These, ranged round the outskirts of the crowd, give to the whole the appearance of a vast amphitheatre.

dockyards is, that the men employed on Mr. Reed's new iron steamers are leaving the Government service by hundreds, attracted by the higher wages offered to skilled artisans in the northern ports. Private ship-building was never more active or prosperous, and the

It may be objected that these studies, although useful enough for the pupils of the Government dockyards, are foreign to the merchant service. But it must be remembered that the system of building vessels of war by contract for her Majesty's Government has been tried to some extent, and recently with more success than during the Russian war. A few members of Parliament, headed by Sir M. Peto, Mr. Lindley, and claiming to be practical economists, declare that the Government can buy vessels cheaper than they can build them. If Mr. Stansfeld's new "labour charts" and his system of dockyard accounts are of anything, this problem will soon be solved.

"May I be permitted, in courtesy, to make a few remarks on the subject of Mr. Leighton's picture of Dante descending the stairs of the Grandé's Palace at Verona, as described in the *Athenaeum* of February 20, with reference to the extract from Cary's translation of the *Paradise* (Canto xvii. 58-65), of which the picture, it would seem, is intended to be an illustration? It is the privilege and aim of the painter's art to present character as well as form; without this it does not accomplish the end of its high calling. In rendering this character, the artist cannot be too careful in letting us see the right person. Dante descending the stairs of his friend's palace must, I should be, the poet such as he was seen and known to be, and esteemed at the time and in the place in which he lived."

Pale buildings. Bones of the stag are always found in greatest number; and the various remains of cows, sheep, and goats prove that the breeding of cattle was in a flourishing state in these parts at such a remote period. The dog, the constant companion of man, was not wanting, and very good skulls were found. The smaller mammals, foxes, martens, polecats, weasels, hedgehogs, badgers, otters, and wild cats, have undoubtedly waged their small war with the peasants of the Pale villages. Among the birds which the stone-pointed arrow of the hunter of those days brought down, were the eagle, stork, heron, gull, duck, black water-fowl, water-bunting, starling, crow, buzzard, and even the white grouse. The construction of their dwellings afforded the inhabitants of the Pale but

WHEN IS A MAN DRUNK?—The diversity of evidence in courts of justice in reference to drunkenness is so great that there appears to have been agreed upon, as if by common consent, a set of phrases applicable to the point. These are: "drunk," "drunken," "intoxicating liquor," and which are intended to convey notion of the exact state of a man who is "neither drunk nor sober." A woman, the other day, said that nobody was drunk who could "talk straight." The point was made, and the jury returned a verdict in place between the Leeds borough coroner and a police-officer. Coroner: Was the man sober? Officer: He had been drinking. Coroner: Was he drunk? Officer: He would not say. Coroner: He was sober. He said reasonably. Coroner: What is the difference? Officer: Why, the man was in his proper senses. Coroner: He was in a sort of "happy medium"? Officer: Just so. Coroner: How many sheets of paper did you have? Officer: Two sheets or three in the wind? Officer: I could say two. Coroner: How many sheets are there altogether? Officer: I cannot say, sir. Whether the man was drunk or sober was not decided by the

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